

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is hermetically sealed by a sealing material consisting of a glass, a glass ceramic, or a ceramic, said brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and said sealing material being permanently bonded together by a pressure weld.

31. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material has a plate, spherical, conical or cylindrical shape.

34. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening is a glass plate, and wherein the at least one opening has the shape of a through-going cylindrical opening or through-going conical opening.

35. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by welding by movement.

36. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and/or the sealing material is at least partially coated on a surface other than that bonding the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material.

37. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material consists of glass.

38. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by an ultrasound weld.

39. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and/or the sealing material is at least partially metal- and/or plastic-coated on a surface other than that bonding the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material.

40. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material have substantially the same coefficients of thermal expansion.

41. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are made of the same material.

42. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening has only one opening.

43. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening has only two openings.

44. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material is solid at the time it is permanently bonded together with the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening by a pressure weld.

45. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material is homogeneous in composition.

46. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the pressure weld contains material only from the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and/or the sealing material.

47. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the at least one opening is to a cavity.

48. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 47, wherein the cavity is filled with a gas or liquid.

49. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 47, wherein the sealing material consists of glass.

50. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a diffusion weld.

51. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is closed only with sealing material which is hermetically sealed to the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are permanently bonded together by a pressure weld, and wherein the sealing material consists of a glass, a glass ceramic, or a ceramic.

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Previously Presented) A laminated glass system comprising a molded element according to claim 34, wherein said molded element is laminated to another molded element to form said laminated glass system.

54. (Previously Presented) A laminated glass system according to claim 53, wherein the laminated glass system has electrochromic properties.

55. (Previously Presented) An electrochromic glazing comprising a molded element according to claim 30, wherein said molded element is brought together with an electrochromic film to form said electrochromic glazing.

56. (Previously Presented) A mirror comprising a molded element according to claim 30, wherein said molded element is brought together with a backing material to form a mirror.

57. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is hermetically sealed by a sealing material consisting of a glass, a glass ceramic, or a ceramic, said brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and said sealing material being permanently bonded together by welding by movement, an ultrasound weld, a high-frequency weld, a rotary weld, a friction weld, a torsional or orbital weld, an abrasive weld or a diffusion weld.

58. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material has a plate shape and the opening has the shape of a through-going cylindrical opening.

59. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material has a spherical shape and the opening has the shape of a through-going conical opening.

60. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material has a conical shape and the opening has the shape of a through-going conical opening.

61. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material has a cylindrical shape and the opening has the shape of a through-going conical opening, which sealing material after being permanently bonded together with the opening has a portion thereof extending out from the opening, which portion or part thereof is broken off.

62. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the at least one opening is to a cavity.

63. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 62, wherein the cavity is filled with a gas or liquid.

64. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a welding by movement weld.

65. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a high-frequency weld.

66. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a rotary weld.

67. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a friction weld.

68. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a torsional or orbital weld.

69. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 57, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by an abrasive weld.

70. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a cold pressure weld.